



DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP MEETING

**Thursday, February 6, 2020
6:00 p.m.**

Board of Commissioners' Public Meeting Room ~ Suite 259
Dade County Government Administrative Building
71 Case Avenue
Trenton, Georgia 30752

MINUTES

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Ratified by Commissioner's: March 5, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson/County Executive Ted M. Rumley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL COMMISSIONERS

Ted Rumley, Chairperson/County Executive	PRESENT
Robert Goff, Vice Chairman/Commissioner (District 3)	PRESENT
Lamar Lowery, Commissioner (District 1)	PRESENT
Phillip Hartline, Commissioner (District 2)	PRESENT
Allan Bradford, Commissioner (District 4)	PRESENT

COUNTY STAFF

Robin Rogers, County Attorney	PRESENT
Don Townsend, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners	PRESENT
Rebecca Jones, Deputy Clerk	PRESENT

WORKSHOP

1. Approval of agenda (ADOPTED AS AMENDED ~ APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

The Chairman called for any changes to the workshop or regular agenda. Second Amendment Sanctuaries and Alliance for Dade, Inc. was added to the agenda. Chairman Rumley called for approval of the agenda by polling each Commissioner whereas the board unanimously agreed to add the amended agenda to the consent agenda for final approval during the regular meeting.

2. Approval of previous meeting(s) minutes (SPREAD ON THE MINUTES UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

The Chairman announced the reading of the minutes from the January 2, 2020 workshop and regular meetings was not necessary since all commissioners were provided an electronic copy of the minutes in advance of this evening's meeting. The minutes are public record and available for review during normal business hours in the Office of County Clerk located inside the Dade County Commission office in the Administrative building. Chairman Rumley called for approval of the minutes by polling each Commissioner whereas the board unanimously agreed to add all minutes being considered to the consent agenda for final approval during the regular meeting.

3. Review Personnel Status Report (SPREAD ON THE MINUTES UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

Chairman Rumley called for questions or any changes pertaining to the personnel status report. Hearing none Chairman Rumley called for approval of the personnel status report by polling each Commissioner whereas the board unanimously agreed to add this report to the consent agenda for final approval during the regular meeting.

4. Board Appointments and/or Proclamations (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

Chairman Rumley called for any appointments. Chairman Rumley called for the appointment of Mr. Richard Stephens to the Board of Assessors for the unexpired term of Mr. Jeff Forester commencing February 7, 2020 and expiring September 30, 2021 (Resolution R-12-20). Chairman Rumley called for any questions. Hearing none Chairman Rumley called for approval of this appointment by polling each Commissioner whereas the board unanimously agreed to add the resolution (R-12-20) to the consent agenda for final approval during the regular meeting. A copy of this resolution is attached to these minutes and made a part of the official record.

Chairman Rumley called for any proclamations. Chairman Rumley proclaimed the week of February 3th – 7th, 2020 as "Severe Weather Preparedness Week" in Georgia. Chairman Rumley called for any questions. Hearing none Chairman Rumley called for approval of this proclamation by polling each Commissioner whereas the board unanimously agreed to add the proclamation to the consent agenda for final approval during the regular meeting. A copy of this proclamation is attached to these minutes and made a part of the official record.

Chairman Rumley called for any proclamations. Chairman Rumley proclaimed February 2020 as American Heart Month. Chairman Rumley called for any questions. Hearing none Chairman Rumley called for approval of this proclamation by polling each Commissioner whereas the board unanimously agreed to add the proclamation to the consent agenda for final approval during the regular meeting. A copy of this proclamation is attached to these minutes and made a part of the official record.

Chairman Rumley called for any proclamations. Chairman Rumley proclaimed February 21, 2020 as Arbor Day in Dade County. Chairman Rumley called for any questions. Hearing none Chairman Rumley called for approval of this proclamation by polling each Commissioner whereas the board unanimously agreed to add the proclamation to the consent agenda for final approval during the regular meeting. A copy of this proclamation is attached to these minutes and made a part of the official record.

Chairman Rumley called for any proclamations. Chairman Rumley proclaimed the first Thursday of every February as Optimist Day in Dade County, Georgia. Chairman Rumley called for any questions. Hearing none Chairman Rumley called for approval of this proclamation by polling each Commissioner whereas the board unanimously agreed to add the proclamation to the consent agenda for final approval during the regular meeting. A copy of this proclamation is attached to these minutes and made a part of the official record.

5. Approval of SPLOST / Capital Equipment (if any)

None

6. Ordinance No. 03-05-20 – Permit Heavy Industry and Land Use (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

Chairman Rumley recommended passage of Ordinance No. 03-05-20 to permit heavy industry and land use. Chairman Rumley called for any questions. The Board discussed the ordinance. Chairman Rumley called for approval of the proposed ordinance by polling each Commissioner whereas the board unanimously agreed to add the ordinance to the consent agenda as a first reading. A copy of this ordinance is attached to these minutes and made a part of the official record.

7. Resolution (R-05-20) – Reimpose, levy and collect SPLOST – Ballot Question (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

Chairman Rumley recommended passage of resolution (R-05-20) to reimpose, levy and collect a SPLOST tax within Dade County, upon approval by a majority of the qualified voters residing within Dade County voting in a referendum thereon to be held May 19, 2020. Chairman Rumley called for any questions. Hearing none Chairman Rumley called for approval of resolution (R-05-20) by polling each Commissioner whereas the board unanimously agreed to add the resolution to the consent agenda for final approval during the regular meeting. A copy of this resolution is attached to these minutes and made a part of the official record.

8. Resolution (R-07-20) – IGA – Ga Dept. of Public Safety – Communications Tower on Scenic Hwy. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)
Chairman Rumley recommended passage of resolution (R-07-20) to approve radio communications tower lease agreement #000027 established by the Georgia Department of Public Safety. Chairman Rumley called for any questions. Hearing none Chairman Rumley called for approval of resolution (R-07-20) by polling each Commissioner whereas the board unanimously agreed to add the resolution to the consent agenda for final approval during the regular meeting. A copy of this resolution is attached to these minutes and made a part of the official record.

9. Resolution (R-08-20) – U.S. Geological Survey – Geographic Name Proposal – Webb Creek (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)
Chairman Rumley recommended passage of resolution (R-08-20) to approve the new name Webb Creek as a tributary of Mill Creek with headwaters on Lookout Mountain. Chairman Rumley called for any questions. The Board discussed the resolution. Chairman Rumley called for approval of resolution (R-08-20) by polling each Commissioner whereas the board unanimously agreed to add the resolution to the consent agenda for final approval during the regular meeting. A copy of this resolution is attached to these minutes and made a part of the official record.

10. Resolution (R-09-20) – Referendum question – Permitting Sunday package sales of beer and wine (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)
Chairman Rumley recommended passage of resolution (R-09-20) calling for a referendum election to be held on May 19, 2020, for the purpose of submitting the question of whether or not the County governing authority shall be authorized to issue licenses for Sunday sales of malt beverages and wine by package stores for off-premises consumption. Chairman Rumley called for any questions. The Board discussed the resolution. Chairman Rumley called for approval of resolution (R-09-20) by polling each Commissioner whereas the board unanimously agreed to add the resolution to the consent agenda for final approval during the regular meeting. A copy of this resolution is attached to these minutes and made a part of the official record.

11. Resolution (R-10-20) – Referendum question – Permitting Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)
Chairman Rumley recommended passage of resolution (R-10-20) calling for a referendum election to be held on May 19, 2020, for the purpose of submitting the question of whether or not the County governing authority shall be authorized to issue licenses for Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages for beverage purposes by the drink, such sales to be consumed on the premises. Chairman Rumley called for any questions. The Board discussed the resolution. Chairman Rumley called for approval of resolution (R-10-20) by polling each Commissioner whereas the board unanimously agreed to add the resolution to the consent agenda for final approval during the regular meeting. A copy of this resolution is attached to these minutes and made a part of the official record.

12. Resolution (R-11-20) – Requesting Legislative Delegation to introduce local legislation authorizing Probate Court assessment of administrative fee (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

Chairman Rumley recommended passage of resolution (R-11-20) requesting the state legislative delegation introduce legislation to authorize the Probate Court of Dade County to assess and collect a \$5.00 administrative fee on probate matters and traffic citations. Chairman Rumley called for any questions. The Board discussed the resolution. Chairman Rumley called for approval of resolution (R-11-20) by polling each Commissioner whereas the board unanimously agreed to add the resolution to the consent agenda for final approval during the regular meeting. A copy of this resolution is attached to these minutes and made a part of the official record.

13. Notice of Joint Governmental Work Session – Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. (INFORMATION ONLY)

No official poll was taken. Presently, no other official action was required to be taken.

14. Second Amendment Sanctuaries (INFORMATION ONLY)

Commissioner Lamar Lowery in partnership with Sheriff Ray Cross recommend creation of a resolution to declare Dade County, Georgia a second amendment sanctuary. Chairman Rumley requested each commissioner to provide Mr. Robin Rogers, County Attorney, guidance between now and next month's meeting to present a draft resolution for the Commissioners' favorable consideration. No official poll was taken. Presently, no other official action was required to be taken.

15. Alliance for Dade, Inc. (INFORMATION ONLY)

Ms. Jane Dixson discussed the formation of the Alliance for Dade, Inc. whereas the new Chamber of Commerce will be made a part of this organization. No official poll was taken. Presently, no other official action was required to be taken.

Chairman Rumley called for any additional business to come before the Commission during the work session, hearing none the Chair recessed the workshop meeting at 6:33 p.m. prepare for the regular meeting to begin.

Respectfully submitted as recorded,

Don Townsend, Clerk to the Commission

Attest:

Rebecca Jones, Deputy Clerk



DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, February 6, 2020

7:00 p.m. (or following recess from Work Session)

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CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson/County Executive Ted M. Rumley called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL ~ COMMISSIONERS

Ted Rumley, Chairperson/County Executive	PRESENT
Robert Goff, Vice Chairman/Commissioner (District 3)	PRESENT
Lamar Lowery, Commissioner (District 1)	PRESENT
Phillip Hartline, Commissioner (District 2)	PRESENT
Allan Bradford, Commissioner (District 4)	PRESENT

The Chairman announced a quorum of Commissioners present, and therefore a legal meeting was called to order and in session.

COUNTY STAFF

Robin Rogers, County Attorney	PRESENT
Don Townsend, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners	PRESENT
Rebecca Jones, Deputy Clerk	PRESENT

INVOCATION

Mr. Robert Goff, Vice Chairman/Commissioner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited in unison

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

The following monthly reports are verbally made at each regular monthly commission meeting by each respective Commissioner. Comments made and/or administrative reports are not transcribed nor made a part of this record.

Commissioner's reports were provided:

- Lamar Lowery reported information regarding the following departments:
 - Animal Control
 - Board of Assessor & Equalization
 - Budget
 - Building and Property
 - Building Maintenance
 - Emergency Services ~ E-911, EMS, EMA
 - Fire Departments – North Dade & Trenton
 - Maintenance Shop
 - Roads – District 1
- Phillip Hartline reported information regarding the following departments:
 - Alcoholic Beverage Control
 - Budget
 - Code Enforcement
 - Extension Agency (UGA Extension/4-H)
 - Fire Departments – Davis & New Home
 - Parks & Recreation
 - Public Transportation
 - Roads – District 2
 - Soil Conservation
- Robert Goff reported information regarding the following departments:
 - Board of Elections
 - Budget
 - Communications & Marketing
 - Financial
 - Fire Departments – South Dade
 - Information Technology (Network)
 - Human Resources
 - Roads – District 3
 - Senior Citizens Center
- Allan Bradford reported information regarding the following departments:
 - Budget
 - Department of Family Children Services
 - Fire Departments – New Salem & West Brow
 - Historic Preservation
 - Public Health
 - Public Library
 - Roads – District 4
 - Sanitation
 - Transfer Station & Recycling Center

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

- Ted Rumley provided a State of County monthly report:
 - Administration
 - Board Appointments
 - Budget
 - City of Trenton liaison
 - Constitutional Officers' liaison
 - Courts & Judicial Administration
 - Department of Juvenile Justice
 - Economic Development
 - Fire Administration & Departments
 - Historic Preservation Commission
 - Legislative Affairs (Georgia General Assembly)
 - Public Works

APPEARANCES

- Mrs. Marshana Sharp – Dade County Public Library
- Mrs. Sarah Dyer – UGA Extension Dade County
- Mr. William Back – Dade County Industrial Development Authority

FISCAL REPORTS

Mr. Don Townsend, Chief Financial Officer verbally reported the financial status of Dade County and filed a monthly financial report with each Commissioner. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes and made a part of the official record.

Adoption of the Financial Report (Adopted)

Motion made by: Commissioner Robert Goff
Seconded by: Commissioner Allan Bradford
Those voting in favor: 5 – Bradford, Goff, Hartline, Lowery, Rumley
Those opposed: 0 – N/A
Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

LEGAL MATTERS

Mr. Robin Rogers, County Attorney noted no official actions to be reported.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to discuss or take action upon.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the County Commission and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion will take place on these items. If discussion of any Consent Agenda item is desired, the item will be moved to the Regular Meeting Agenda under New Business for separate consideration.

Adoption of the Consent Agenda

Motion made by: Commissioner Phillip Hartline
Seconded by: Commissioner Lamar Lowery
Those voting in favor: 5 – Bradford, Goff, Hartline, Lowery, Rumley
Those opposed: 0 – N/A
Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION

- Mrs. Susan Talbot

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was required.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by: Commissioner Robert Goff
Seconded by: Commissioner Phillip Hartline
Those voting in favor: 5 – Bradford, Goff, Hartline, Lowery, Rumley
Those opposed: 0 – N/A
Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

There being no further business Chairman Rumley gaveled the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted as recorded,

Don Townsend, Clerk to the Commission

Attest:

Rebecca Jones, Deputy Clerk